

### Mayor's Monthly Message: July 2021

"Florence has been ringing the Liberty Bell since 1894". The Town of Florence will be hosting its 127th Annual Independence Day celebration. The event kicks off on July 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Aquatic Center and then transitions over to the Fields by the Aquatic Center from 5 PM – 9 PM. There will be Food Trucks, Live Music, Splash Zones, and a Cornhole Tournament to benefit the Florence High School Baseball Boosters. The fireworks begin at 8:30 PM. Please come down and enjoy performances from Pride through Strife, The Jack (Ultimate Tribute to AC/DC), and Mr. Skynyrd (Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Band)! These bands are fantastic.

Our Town Our Voice! We need to hear from you! The Town of Florence is currently in the process of updating its General Plan. The existing General Plan was previously updated and approved by voters in Florence in 2012. The General Plan acts as the guiding document for the future development of the Town over the next 20+ years. The document itself contains a community vision supported by goals, policies, and implementation measures to address Town issues and growth. For more information on the General Plan process, what it entails, and how to get involved, visit the project website at <https://www.florencegpupdate.com> As part of this comprehensive General Plan update, the Town is seeking feedback on proposed Land Use Scenarios. Specifically, in relation to the character of the Town, Land Use informs Zoning which then dictates what is actually built within Florence. As such, feedback from the community is vital to establishing a long-term planning approach that will become the cornerstone of the Town's new General Plan. The public will have the opportunity to give input at an in-person or virtual community meeting on a desired Land Use scenario for the Town of Florence and learn about key takeaways from the Community Assessment that was completed in 2020. The in-person Community Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 2:00pm-4:00pm OR from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Ruggles Room of the Florence Library and Community Center at 778 N Main St, Florence, AZ 85132. This will be an Open House style meeting, so residents are free to arrive at any time during the hours listed and stay for as long as you would like. Can't make the in-person meeting? An online/virtual "public meeting" will be open from July 22, 2021 through August 22, 2021. Visit the project website at <https://www.florencegpupdate.com/participate> to learn more and to share your thoughts on the future of the Town.

Also, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will be hosting a workshop for Pinal County residents. This state/wide redistricting commission is responsible for determining State Legislative and Federal Congressional districts. Pinal County will also be looking to adjust County Supervisor positions. You can attend on Friday, July 23rd, 5-7pm, at the Pinal County Historic Courthouse, in Florence.

In addition to this monthly message, you can find all town council meeting agendas and minutes at: <http://www.florenceaz.gov/town-council/> and our regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays, at 6 pm, at Town Hall in Florence, AZ. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at [Mayor@florenceaz.gov](mailto:Mayor@florenceaz.gov).

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Florence, AZ